

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device for use by a message recipient for receiving a picture from a message originator having a telephone number, comprising:

a receiver operably coupled to receive a message from a message center over a ~~wireless-communication~~ connection, ~~call data~~ the message including ~~a message and a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device~~ picture supplied by the message originator and a caller ID automatically provided by a communications network that identifies the telephone number of the message originator, ~~the message including visual image data, the call data optionally including associated caller identifying information~~ the message originator sending the caller ID with the picture to the message center;

a display; and

a controller operably coupled to display ~~information including the visual image data~~ the picture and caller ID on the display.

34. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the ~~visual image data~~ picture includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;

~~— facsimile image data;~~

image data representative of a calling party; and

other graphic image data.

35. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the message ~~is~~ includes a video telephone message, ~~and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.~~

36. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the wireless portable communication device includes a memory, wherein the controller is being operably coupled to store the received ~~visual image data~~ message in the memory.

37. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein the controller is operably coupled to store the received ~~visual image data~~ message along with the associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID in the memory.

38. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the caller ~~identification~~

information ID on the display to assist a user of the wireless portable communication device in identifying a source of the received ~~visual image data~~ message.

39. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 38, further ~~comprising~~ including an input operably coupled to the controller, the input enabling a user of the wireless portable communication device to select the caller ~~identification information ID~~ associated with the received ~~visual image data~~ message in order to display the ~~visual image data from the visual image data~~ picture associated with the message.

40. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information IDs~~, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the ~~visual image data~~ picture from the ~~visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless portable communication device in an order based on the caller ~~identifying information IDs~~.

41. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 40, wherein the user is the message recipient and wherein the order is user-programmable programmable by the message recipient.

42. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display a listing of ~~visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless portable communication device in an order based on the caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs.

43. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 42, wherein the order is ~~user-programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient.

44. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is compressed, and wherein the controller is operable to decompress the ~~visual image data~~ compressed portion of the message.

45. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is encrypted, and wherein the controller is operable to decrypt the ~~visual image data~~ encrypted portion of the message.

46. (Previously added) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 33, wherein the receiver comprises at least one of:

- a page receiver;
- a cellular telephone receiver;
- a radio frequency receiver; and
- a personal digital assistant receiver.

47. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID is stored in a contiguous area of memory.

48. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID is stored in non-contiguous areas of memory.

49. (Currently amended) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with associated indications of the time the messages are received, and wherein the controller is operably coupled to display the ~~visual image data from the visual image data~~ messages to a user of the wireless communication device ~~in an order based on at least one of the associated caller identifying information and the time the messages were received.~~

50. (Currently amended) A method of messaging using visual image data in a wireless portable communication device, the method comprising:

~~receiving call data over a wireless communication connection, the call data including a message and a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device, the message including visual image data, the call data optionally including associated caller identifying information; and~~

initiating a message from a message originator to a message recipient;

receiving at a message center coupled to a communications network both message originator information provided automatically by the communications network as the caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator, and a picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to a wireless portable communication device;

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the picture from the message center to the wireless portable communication device; and

displaying information including the ~~visual image display data~~ picture and the caller ID on a display.

51. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein the ~~visual image data~~ picture includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;

~~facsimile image data;~~

image data representative of a calling party; and

other graphic image data.

52. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein the message is a video telephone message, ~~and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.~~

53. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, further comprising:
storing the received ~~visual image data~~ message in a memory.

54. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising:
storing the associated caller ~~identification information~~ IDs along with the ~~visual image data picture~~ in the memory.

55. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising:
displaying the caller ~~identification information~~ IDs on the display to assist a user of the wireless portable communication device in identifying a source of the received ~~visual image data~~ message.

56. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 55, wherein displaying the ~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

receiving an input selecting the caller-~~identification information~~ ID associated with the received-~~visual image data~~ message; and

displaying the-~~visual image data~~ picture from the-~~visual image data~~ message in response to the input.

57. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein displaying information including the-~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

displaying the-~~visual image data~~ picture from the-~~visual image data~~ messages on the display in an order based on the caller-~~identifying information~~ IDs.

58. (Previously added) A method according to claim 57, wherein the order is-~~user-programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient..

59. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with respective caller ~~identifying information~~ IDs, and wherein the method further comprises:

displaying a listing of-~~visual image data~~ the messages on the display in an order based on the caller-~~identifying information~~ IDs.

60. (Previously added) A method according to claim 59, wherein the order is ~~user-programmable~~ programmable by the message recipient.

61. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is compressed, and wherein the method further comprises:

decompressing the ~~visual image data~~ compressed portion of the message.

62. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 50, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data~~ message is encrypted, and wherein the method further comprises:

decrypting the ~~visual image data~~ encrypted portion of the message.

63. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein at least a portion of the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID are stored in a contiguous area of memory.

64. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein the received ~~visual image data message~~ picture and associated caller ~~identification information~~ ID are stored in non-contiguous areas of memory.

65. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 54, wherein a plurality of ~~visual image data~~ messages are stored in the memory along with associated indications of the time the messages are received, and wherein displaying information including the ~~visual image data~~ picture comprises:

displaying the ~~visual image data~~ picture from the ~~visual image data~~ messages on the display in an order based on ~~at least one of the associated caller identifying information and~~ the time the messages were received.

66. (New) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 36 wherein the memory includes a removable memory card.

67. (New) A wireless portable communication device according to claim 37 wherein the memory includes a removable memory card.

68. (New) A method according to claim 50, and further including the step of encoding the message.

69. (New) A method according to claim 68, and further including the step of decoding the encoded message.